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1. claims: 1,2,17,18,21-26

System and method of calibrating a rate of reductant addition required to reduce NOx by measuring the temperature value of the exhaust gas and/or catalyst bed and correlating each value with a rate of reductant addition required to reduce NOx to N2 over the NOx reducing catalyst.

2. claims: 3,4,19,20

System and method of controlling addition of reductant to a catalyst by providing an oxidation catalyst for oxidising the reductant downstream of the NOx reduction catalyst, measuring the inlet and the outlet temperature of the oxidising catalyst, determining the temperature difference and adjusting the rate of reductant addition so that said temperature difference is within a pre-determined range.

3. claims: 5-12

System and method of regenerating a NOx-trap by contacting a fraction of the NOx-trap with a reductant while the NOx-trap as a whole remains in-line to the exhaust gas flow.

4. claims: 13-16

System and method of reducing NOx by introducing a reductant at all vehicle speeds in a duty cycle at a rate correlating with a desired NOx conversion at average duty cycle speed and contacting the exhaust gas containing the NOx and the reductant with a NOx reduction catalyst.

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